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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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| Application No. | 08/992,222 |
| Filing Date | December 17, 1997 |
| First Named Inventor | William A. Hobbs |
| Art Unit | 2155 |
| Examiner Name | Jean, Frantz B. |
| Attorney Docket Number | 42390P4788 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 30, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s) _____
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other: (\$00) _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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| Name (Print/Type) | Brent E. Vecchia | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 48,011 |
| Signature | <i>Brent E. Vecchia</i> | Date | DEC. 30, 2003 |

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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| Name (Print/Type) | Krista Mathieson | Date | 12/30/03 |
| Signature | <i>Krista Mathieson</i> | | |

Based on PTO/SB/30 (08-03) as modified by Blakely, Solokoff, Taylor & Zafman (w/r) 09/11/2003.
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